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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 185

Introduced by Assembly Member Jerome Horton

January 27, 2003

An act to add Section 486 to the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to cooperative agreements.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 185, as amended, Jerome Horton. Food and agriculture: cooperative agreements: ~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides*.

Existing law allows the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with boards of supervisors and other specified entities for specified purposes.

This bill would make findings and declarations about unique pest and disease infestation risk factors in the County of Los Angeles. This bill would prohibit the secretary from entering into a cooperative agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County unless the agricultural ~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides* performing work under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as permanent employees under the county's personnel system. The bill would prohibit that county from subjecting these ~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides* to periodic layoffs and rehiring if the effect would be to prevent the ~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides* from attaining the status of permanent employees under the applicable personnel system.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the
2 County of Los Angeles is unique due to its large size, its
3 international airport through which exotic pests from foreign
4 countries may arrive, and the mild climate and mobile population
5 that increases the year-round potential for pest or disease
6 infestations. The Legislature further finds that these
7 considerations make the stability of the workforce in Los Angeles
8 County operating under cooperative agreements with the
9 Department of Food and Agriculture of uniquely critical statewide
10 importance, and that Section 2 of this bill will enhance that
11 stability greatly.

12 SEC. 2. Section 486 is added to the Food and Agricultural
13 Code, to read:

14 486. The secretary shall not enter into a cooperative
15 agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County
16 unless the agricultural-~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides* performing work
17 under the cooperative agreement are afforded protections as
18 permanent employees under the county's civil service or other
19 personnel system. The county shall not subject these-~~inspectors~~
20 *inspector aides* to periodic layoffs and rehiring if the effect would
21 be to prevent the-~~inspectors~~ *inspector aides* from attaining the
22 status of permanent employees under the applicable civil service
23 or other personnel system.

